Innovative Distributed Power Interconnection and Control Systems

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Program Goals

- Cost-effective DP grid interconnection products, software, and communication solutions
- Improved economics for broad range of DP power systems
- Enhanced DP product capability to integrate, interact, and provide operational benefits
 - Within building energy management systems and electric power systems





Spectrum of Products

- Conventional Technologies
 - Engines and Turbine Generators
 - Natural gas, diesel, biomass
 - Small Steam Turbines
- Emerging Technologies
 - Microturbines
 - Fuel cells
- Renewable Technologies
 - Wind
 - Solar/PV
 - Small Hydro





Work Plan - Three Phases

- Core Enabling Technology and Software Development
 - Base Year
 - Enhancement to Encorp's core GPC Product (Generator Power Control)
- Application and System Level Command and Control
 - Option Year One
- Further Development and Validation of Industry Communication Standards
 - Option Year Two





Program Plan/Tasks

| | Core Enabling Technology | |
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| (1) | Develop Prototype Advanced Controller | |
| (2) | Develop Prototype Power Sensing Board | |
| (3) | Expanded Suite of Communication Capabilities | |
| (4) | Interface for Revenue-Grade Meter | |
| (5) | Demonstrate Interconnect DP Device | |
| | System Level Command & Control | |
| (6) | Type Testing | |
| (7) | System Command and Control | |
| (8) | Demonstration of Controlled DP | |
| Interoperability & Communications | | |
| (9) | Interoperability Systems Analysis | |
| (10) | Demonstration of Grid-DP Interoperability | |



Core Enabling Technology GPC II Enhancements

- Performance
- Communications
- Scalability
- IEEE P1547 Compliant
- Functionality
- Programmability
- Serviceability
- Lower System Cost





GPC II Performance Enhancements

- Goal: Improve Processing Speed
 - Enable high speed digital signal processing (DSP)
 - More rapid event recognition and response
- PowerPC CPU Provides 10x Performance Improvement
- DSP in Power Sensor Single Cycle Power Measurements
- Together, These Provide 20x improvement In Performance Over Current Designs





GPC II Communications Enhancements

- Goal: Suite of Communication Options To Enable Flexible Inter-Device & Network Connectivity
 - Tie-In With Various Generators/Prime Mover Controls, Building Energy Management Systems, and Network Controllers
- LonWorks
- 10/100 Ethernet channel
- (2) CAN/DeviceNet channels
- (2) RS-232/485 channels





GPC II Scalability Enhancements

- Goal: Flexible Design Platform To Meet Cost & Feature Requirements of Both Small & Large Generators
- Increased Standard Input/Output (I/O)
- Optional I/O Module
- Multiple Power Sensor Modules
- Accepts 2 M-Modules
- More Networked I/O Options





GPC II P1547 Standard Compliant

- Goal: Product Enhancement To Meet/Exceed Standard
- Improved Protective Relay Performance
- New Loss of Synchronism Relay
- New Islanding Detection Relay
- Increased EMI and Surge Withstand Immunity





GPC II Functional Enhancements

- Accept Multiple Power Sensors
 - Second 3-phase sensor on bus
 - Over-current relay
 - Differential current relay
- Revenue Grade Metering Accuracy
- Internet Connectivity
- Data Logging
- Sequence of Events Logging
- Alarming
- Trending





Current Status and Issues

- Functional Product Specifications Have Delayed Schedule
 - Selection of more powerful processor will require added effort in terms of software and migration
- Prototype Field Testing Delayed
 - Will not be completed within Base Year





Summary

- Program is underway in terms of core technology development
 - High performance platform selected
- Exploring options for type testing in Option Year One
- Product Launch Expected In 2002



